

# JORGENSEN FORGE CORPORATION

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Re: TSCA PCB Inspection Report dated June 14, 2002

Dear Ms. McDermott:

Thank you for providing us with a copy of your June 14, 2002 TSCA PCB Inspection Report, which we received in August 2002. We appreciated the opportunity to provide you and Grechen Schmidt with information about our facility both during your site inspection on April 24, 2002 and in the written submittal made by Anchor Environmental, LLC ("Anchor") on our behalf on May 3, 2002. I am writing to ask that you also consider the information provided in this letter and, if possible, reissue the report to correct a few inaccuracies and reflect the information as set forth below.

We would like to reiterate again that Jorgensen Forge Corporation ("Jorgensen Forge") was first incorporated on June 12, 1992. Title to the property was transferred to Jorgensen Forge by statutory warranty deed on June 19, 1992.<sup>1</sup>

As was explained during the site inspection, the plant was operated for the U.S. Government by Isaacson Iron Works ("Isaacson") under a war contract recorded on August 27, 1942 and amended on October 26, 1945. Isaacson acquired Parcels A and B in 1941 and 1942. It later sold Parcel B, which was the parcel known as Tax Lot 22 and located in the northwest corner of the property, to Bethlehem Steel Corporation ("Bethlehem") in September 1949. Isaacson remained the owner of Parcel A, which was the parcel known as Tax Lot 23 and located along East Marginal Way South, until October 1965.

<sup>1</sup> Anchor's May 3, 2002 submittal incorrectly noted the date that Jorgensen Forge acquired ownership as 1991.

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Bethlehem sold Parcel B to Earle M. Jorgensen Company<sup>2</sup> in September 1965. Isaacson sold Parcel A to Earle M. Jorgensen Company in October 1965. Earle M. Jorgensen Company remained the owner and operator of both parcels until the property was sold to the newly-incorporated Jorgensen Forge in June 1992. Earle M. Jorgensen Company remains an active corporation, with offices at 3050 East Birch Street, Brea, CA 92821.

I hope that the information provided above is helpful. I would appreciate receiving a copy of your corrected TSCA PCB Inspection Report, if it is reissued to reflect this information. If not, I would ask that a copy of this letter be placed in any of the agency's files that pertain to Jorgensen Forge's facility.

Very truly yours,



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<sup>2</sup> This is the correct spelling of the name of the company that owned and operated the property prior to 1992. It was inadvertently misspelled in the May 3, 2002 submittal. The EMJ Company, a Delaware corporation, merged with and into itself Earle M. Jorgensen Company, a California corporation, and changed its name to Earle M. Jorgensen Company in 1975.